

## Meeting Summary: Station Area Working Group Round 2 - 10th Street

**Meeting Number:** 2  
**Date:** 1/31/2024 6pm-8pm  
**Location:** 370 Wabasha St N 4th Floor, St. Paul, MN 55102



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### Attendance

- 5 participants
- 6 staff

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### Agenda

- Welcome + Dinner
- Intro + Agenda
- Review Goals, Themes, Glossary

- Review Draft Actions
  - Brainstorm Physical Improvements
  - Brainstorm Programs/Policy
  - Closing Comments
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## Feedback by Goal

### Make Vibrant Public Places

- Support for community centers that serve multi-generational and inclusive purposes.
- Request for elder meeting points along transit corridors to encourage congregation.
- Desire for green spaces with furniture that blends into the landscape and maintenance of these areas by city or community groups.
- Need for a gym and indoor green spaces.

### Connect People and Places

- Suggestions for integrated bike lanes and reduced vehicle speeds in certain corridors to improve safety for all users.
- Suggestions for wider sidewalks and curb extensions to create safer pedestrian environments.
- Addition of the pedestrian activated light at 9th and Jackson has been received positively and should be expanded elsewhere.
- Advocacy for improved public transit use and ownership through better design and safety.
- Calls for infrastructure that supports ease of leaving and entering the city, addressing concerns around inadequate shopping facilities downtown.

### Prioritize Safety and Security

- Emphasis on safety as a top priority, particularly around transit areas and downtown.
- Interest in unarmed transit ambassadors to improve safety perceptions.
- Need for more visible law enforcement in certain areas to enhance security.

### Create Neighborhoods for Living

- Calls for more accessible health and dental services, and a pharmacy with extended hours.
- Interest in attracting more businesses downtown to reduce the need to leave for shopping and errands, especially given that many businesses/skyways are closed by the time residents return from work.

### Build Businesses and Community Services

- Desire for better communication from the city regarding available services and events.
- Suggestion for more business-friendly policies from city and county governments to encourage downtown revitalization.
- Suggestions for using open spaces near stations for pop-ups as a means to activate the area.

- Recommendations for support programs for local businesses, including grants, loans, and incentives for local ownership.
- Concerns about the impact of parking loss and bike lane structures on small businesses, also including challenges around loading and unloading areas.